

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held April 17, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

"The number one preventable cause of death and injury of children and young adults is the automobile collision. More than 100 child passengers under 16 are killed and more than 15,000 injured in automobile collisions in California in each year. Up to 71% of these children would be alive today if they had been properly restrained in crash-tested safety seats, boosters, or safety belts. Infants and young children are not capable of initiating action to use proper restraints and are not protected adequately by automatic belts or air bags. Only about 60% of children in this age group are protected by restraint use ON EVERY RIDE. Crash-tested safety seats are moderately priced and widely available for purchase at retail stores and at low cost from car safety seat distribution programs throughout California.

"The State of California has ruled that until children are six years of age or weigh 60 pounds, they must be in the back seat, restrained in safety seats or boosters. All other occupants must be restrained properly in safety seats or safety belts when riding in motor vehicles.

"SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. has dedicated 27 years to protecting children from injury or death while being transported in a motor vehicle."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board declared April 22 through 28, 2007 as "Safety Seat Checkup Week" throughout Los Angeles County.

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Letter sent to: Executive Director, SafetyBeltSafe, U.S.A.